(e) if so, the steps contemplated by the Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (c). According to information furnished by Coal Controller, after ascertaining the quality, the coal found unfit for use by Steel Plants, such as rejected coal and washery tailings is being released by him from time to time which is being sold by Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd. (TISCO), to non metallurgical consumers. Accordingly to Coal Controller such material (rejected coal) can neither be used for metallurgical purpose nor in any other industries belonging to TISCO. Coal Controller has informed that he has not received any complaint regarding excessive prices being charged by TISCO for such coal and as such no enquiry has been made in this regard.

(d) and (e). In case Bihar State Mineral Development Corporation are interested in purchasing such coal they may approach TISCO and Coal Controller in this regard with their proposal.

Opening of New Godowns

1301. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new civil supplies godowns in the State of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the places where these godowns are proposed to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Food Corporation of India proposes to undertake construction of godowns for storage of foodgrains in Kerala Region during the 8th Five Year Plan period. The places and the capacity proposed are as under:-

1. Chingavanam	10000 tonnes
2. Mararikulam	10000 tonnes
3. Mullangunathukavu	5000 tonnes
4. Payyanur	25000 tonnes
5. Thirunavaya	10000 tonnes.

Facilities and Grants to Joint Consultative Machinery

1302. SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the facilities and grants given to Joint Consultative Machinery for the Central Government employees annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT

(a) *Duty Period*:- The time spent in attending the JCM Committees including time of travel, is treated as duty (since 1966).

(b) The Staff Side members of the National Council (JCM) and Departmental Councils are also allowed atleast 2 days in advance of the meetings of these Councils for discussion among themselves (since August 1978). (*Only one day in the case of Regional Councils, since November, 1985).

(c) TA/DA including Conveyance hire, at the scheduled rates for JCM meetings (since the inception of the JCM Scheme in 1966-67).